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Celebrate April Fools' Day with Elvis and Thomas Jefferson!

The Friends and Randolph College are pleased to present "From Monticello to Graceland: Jefferson and Elvis as American Icons" by Prof. Robert Kiely, Ph.D., Professor of English at Harvard University. Prof. Kiely's talk will take place **April 1 at 7:30 PM** in the Houston Memorial Chapel at Randolph College. Randolph College students will accompany his lecture with performances of musical works from the time of Jefferson and Elvis' hit songs, "C'mon Everybody" and "I Can't Help Falling in Love." Sponsored by the Friends' Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Lippard Memorial Fund, this entertaining cultural evening is free and open to the public.

Prof. Kiely has enjoyed a distinguished teaching career at Harvard University where he taught the 19th and 20th century novel, the postmodern novel, and classics in Christian literature, amongst other courses. Author of numerous literary works, Professor Kiely is also a frequent reviewer of books for **The New York Times**. An expert on Jefferson and Elvis, he has written and spoken widely about these treasured American icons. Mark your calendars now to celebrate April Fools' Day with Elvis and Jefferson!



Preceding the lecture, at 6:30 PM, the Friends' Annual Meeting will be held in the Houston Chapel Lounge. Officers and new board members will be elected. Light refreshments will be provided.



2008 – Year of Authors @ your library and Amazement Square!

Amazement Square is going buggy over books! This year is *The Year of Authors* and it's going to be bigger and better than ever! Every month, all of the programming will be inspired by the work of the *Author of the Month*. The library is an official partner with Amazement Square throughout 2008 and will be promoting their programs and creating displays and programs of its own. Contact the library or Amazement Square (845-1888 – www.amazementsquare.org) for more information. Featured authors for the remainder of the year are:

March	Dr. Seuss
April	Eric Carle
May	Margaret Wise Brown
June	Maurice Sendak
July	Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith
August	Shel Silverstein

September	It's Hip to Read at the Square
October	Candice Ransom
November	Robert Munsch
December	Chris Van Allsburg



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A Legacy for Our Youth

When my neighbor and friend Edith Brooks Lee died last spring just months before her 100th birthday, a coworker reminded me of this African proverb: “When an old person dies, it is as if a whole library has gone up in flames.”

Mrs. Lee was a teacher, principal and school administrator from the time she graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College and realized that neither her major hobby (writing) nor her college minor (voice) were likely to prove lucrative. Fortunately, her talent for teaching and empathy with children led to a long and successful career in education. Many former students and teachers remained in her life for decades, demonstrating the affection and loyalty she inspired.

In retirement, Mrs. Lee was involved in club and church activities. She was an avid and eclectic reader. She found time to write again and took up drawing after she gave up driving (she drew the floral picture above in 2006). She was a friend to many. No matter the state of her health, she was unfailingly kind and supportive and never without a story to tell.

The Edith Brooks Lee Fund for the Lynchburg Public Library, established as one of many good works by her estate, will benefit the Youth Services Department. The \$25,000 deposited with the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust will provide an annual distribution for continuing support, while an additional \$5,000 will jumpstart a new outreach initiative to build kindergarten readiness/early literacy skills for at-risk preschoolers.

Mrs. Lee never stopped teaching (or learning) and never lost interest in young people. With this project, we hope to honor her memory.

Ellen Morgan
Youth Services Librarian

What to Do With Your Old CDs? –
Recycle Them @ your library

The Lynchburg Public Library is joining a CD/DVD recycle effort with Sweet Briar College. **Containers will be placed in both libraries for patrons to deposit CDs and DVDs that they no longer need.**

CDs and DVDs are made primarily from poly-carbonate plastics, which don’t break down easily in a landfill. They also contain layers of aluminum. Every year, millions of the discs are thrown away because, until recently, there has been no alternative way to dispose of them.



Fortunately, a few recycling centers that accept the discs have sprung up. Sweet Briar has signed up with one such organization, The Compact Disc Recycling Center of America in New Hampshire. The Library will send to Sweet Briar, via our regular courier, the damaged CDs and DVDs. Sweet Briar will then ship the discs to the recycle center. The Library thanks Sweet Briar for assuming the shipping costs and for providing this opportunity to join with them in this valuable ecological program.

Friends Helping Friends
A Generous Gift Supports Friends’ Work

The Friends and the library are most grateful to Mrs. Susan N. Morris for her recent unrestricted gift of \$ 5,000. A generous philanthropist who supports many community projects, Mrs. Morris’s gift, will enable the Friends to help fund the library’s children and adult summer reading programs and the library’s * volunteer program.

We thank Susan * for her generous contribution!

Upcoming Friends of the Library Meetings		Tuesday, March 11	4 PM	Library activity room (Board)
		Tuesday, April 1	6:30 PM	Randolph College - Houston Chapel Lounge (Annual)
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Youth Services Honors Dr. Seuss and His Friends during March!

Pick up your *Cat in the Hat* reading log beginning March 1. All children who read or listen to 8 books during March will get a *Hats off to You* reading certificate. Also, there will be a

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss Party
Wednesday, March 26, between 2:00-4:00 PM

- Dress yourself up as Cat in the Hat with a hat you color and a nose and whiskers drawn on your face by library volunteers.
- Join the **Cat in the Hat Race**:
Can you balance a bowl with a fish and some milk on a dish?
Can you balance a book and a ball without letting them fall?
- Or maybe you want to try your hand at pinning **Green Eggs on Ham**.
- The **Fox in Sox** Game will let you try to fit as many socks on one foot in one minute.
- Make a doorknob hanger that lets others know if you:
Feel happy and want all your friends to come in and play,
Or feel like the **Grinch** who wants everyone to go away.
- See **Oobleck** being made.
- Test your knowledge in the Dr. Seuss’s *Who Is Whoses* Quiz.

And what birthday party would be fun without cake? Especially one you don’t have to bake. And everything for you is free, so plan to come to our party.

For more information call 455-6320 or visit our Website at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary

Lynchburg Reads

March is Lynchburg Reads Month @ your library!

Our **Lynchburg Reads** activities will take place in March. On **Wednesday, March 19 at 1:00 PM** in the library’s community room, there will be a book discussion of *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* by Beverly Daniel Tatum. The book discussion is free and open to the public.

Dr. Tatum will not be present at the book discussion, but the next afternoon, **March 20**, she will speak with students at E.C. Glass H.S. At **7:30 PM** that evening she will deliver the Schewel Lecture at the Memorial Ballroom of the Hall Campus Center at Lynchburg College. Admission to the Schewel Lecture is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets may be obtained from Lynchburg College or at the reference desk of the main library.

The library is grateful to our partners, The Friends of the Library, Lynchburg College, and The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust and The Mahlon & Gerald Thomas Hutchison Memorial Fund.

For more information on **Lynchburg Reads** events, call 455-6310.

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